

HO-1011

Rev. Burton Highley House

7953 Old Jessup Road

Private

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**Significance:**

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic      Rev. Burton Highley House

other

### 2. Location

street and number    7953 Old Jessup Road           not for publication

city, town      Jessup           vicinity

county      Howard

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name      Charles & Lisa Peddicord

street and number    7953 Old Jessup Road      telephone

city, town      Jessup      state    MD      zip code    20794

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.    Howard County Courthouse      liber    11356    folio    556

city, town      Ellicott City      tax map    43      tax parcel    540      tax ID number

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District  
     Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
     Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
     Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
     Recorded by HABS/HAER  
     Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
     Other:

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<u>    </u> district	<u>    </u> public	<u>    </u> agriculture	Contributing
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u>    </u> landscape	Noncontributing
<u>    </u> structure	<u>    </u> both	<u>X</u> commerce/trade	<u>    </u> 1 buildings
<u>    </u> site		<u>    </u> recreation/culture	<u>    </u> 0 sites
<u>    </u> object		<u>    </u> defense	<u>    </u> 0 structures
		<u>    </u> domestic	<u>    </u> 0 objects
		<u>    </u> education	<u>    </u> 1 Total
		<u>    </u> funerary	
		<u>    </u> government	
		<u>    </u> health care	
		<u>    </u> industry	
		<u>    </u> religion	
		<u>    </u> social	
		<u>    </u> transportation	
		<u>    </u> work in progress	
		<u>    </u> unknown	
		<u>    </u> vacant/not in use	
		<u>    </u> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources  
previously listed in the Inventory

    0

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The southwest elevation has new double doors in an original opening in the center bay, with infill above where there was apparently a transom. There is a new one-bay porch with square wood posts, a gable roof with asphalt shingles, and aluminum siding in the gable. To either side is a modern six-over-six sash with brick infill below the windows and brick patching above that suggests that there were lintels that have been removed, and that the windows were probably originally jibs that opened onto the front porch. There are ghosts and patches in the brickwork between the first and second stories that indicate a hip-roofed porch covered all five bays at one time. The second story has five new one-over-one sash with brick infill between the bottom of the sash and the original sills below. There is also new brick infill above the windows that suggests that there were lintels here, too, that were replaced. There is a central gabled wall dormer with an oculus. There is a boxed cornice with returns, all now covered with aluminum. The southwest elevation of the porch has four new fixed eight-light sash.

The northwest elevation of the ell is flush with the main block and the running bond brickwork is toothed into the main block wall in several locations, but mostly abuts the wall. The first story of both the ell and the main block are covered by the porch, which has three bays with paired two-light sash in

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each bay. The second story of the main block has a one-over-one sash with patched brickwork on both sides and below it. There is no opening in the gable end. The second story of the ell has a one-over-one sash with patched brickwork below it. This ell has an interior brick chimney on the gable end with corbelling at the top and brick piers at the four corners that are three courses high.

The southeast elevation of the main block has a three-sided bay window with a low brick wall, aluminum siding above, a one-over-one sash on each side, and a steeply pitched roof with asphalt shingles. The second story has a one-over-one sash that appears to retain an original wood lintel. There is no opening in the gable end. The ell appears to have a one-over-one sash on both stories, and the brickwork appears to be continuous with the main block. The northeast elevation was not accessible for examination. There is a large modern building behind the house that does not appear to be historic.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates c. 1879

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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<sup>1</sup> G. Marie Biggs, *The Story of Jessup*, Author, 1977.

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In 1880 Rev. Highley purchased an adjoining ¼ acre tract to enlarge his home lot. In the early twentieth century he got into some financial trouble and the house was sold in a court-ordered auction. It quickly passed through several hands before ending up in the possession of Noah Bailey of York County, Pennsylvania. It is not known whether Bailey was a relative, or simply someone looking for an investment, but he owned the house until 1923, though he remained in York County. He sold it to Charles Bailey, who was likely his son, and Charles moved to Howard County and held onto the house until 1958.

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<sup>2</sup> G. M. Hopkins, *Atlas of Howard County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, 1878).



## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See footnotes

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .63 A  
Acreage of historical setting 1.25 A  
Quadrangle name Savage

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the property lines for tax map 43, parcel 540, which encompasses all of the historic structures on the property.

## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	February 2010
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	Maryland

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

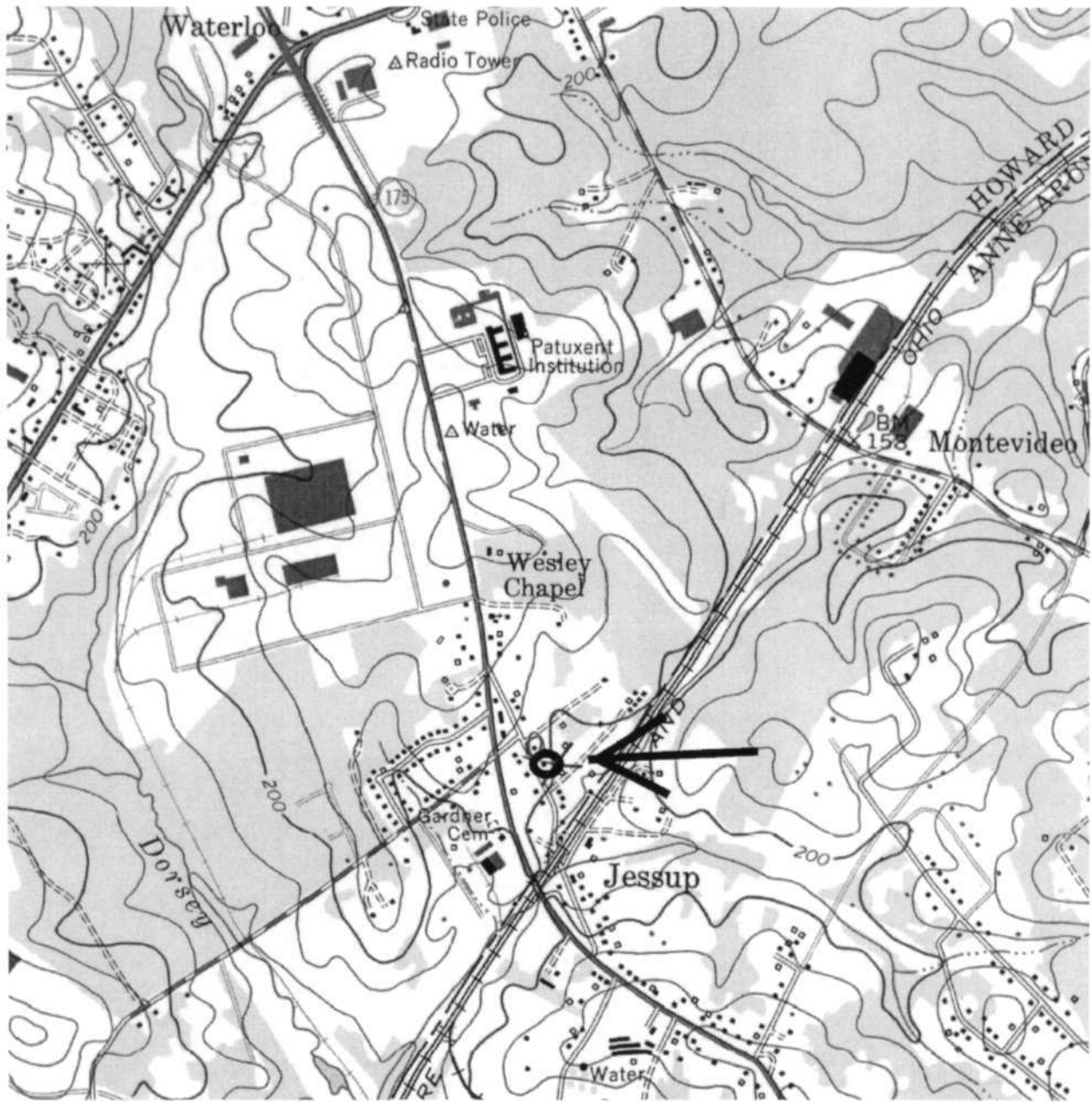
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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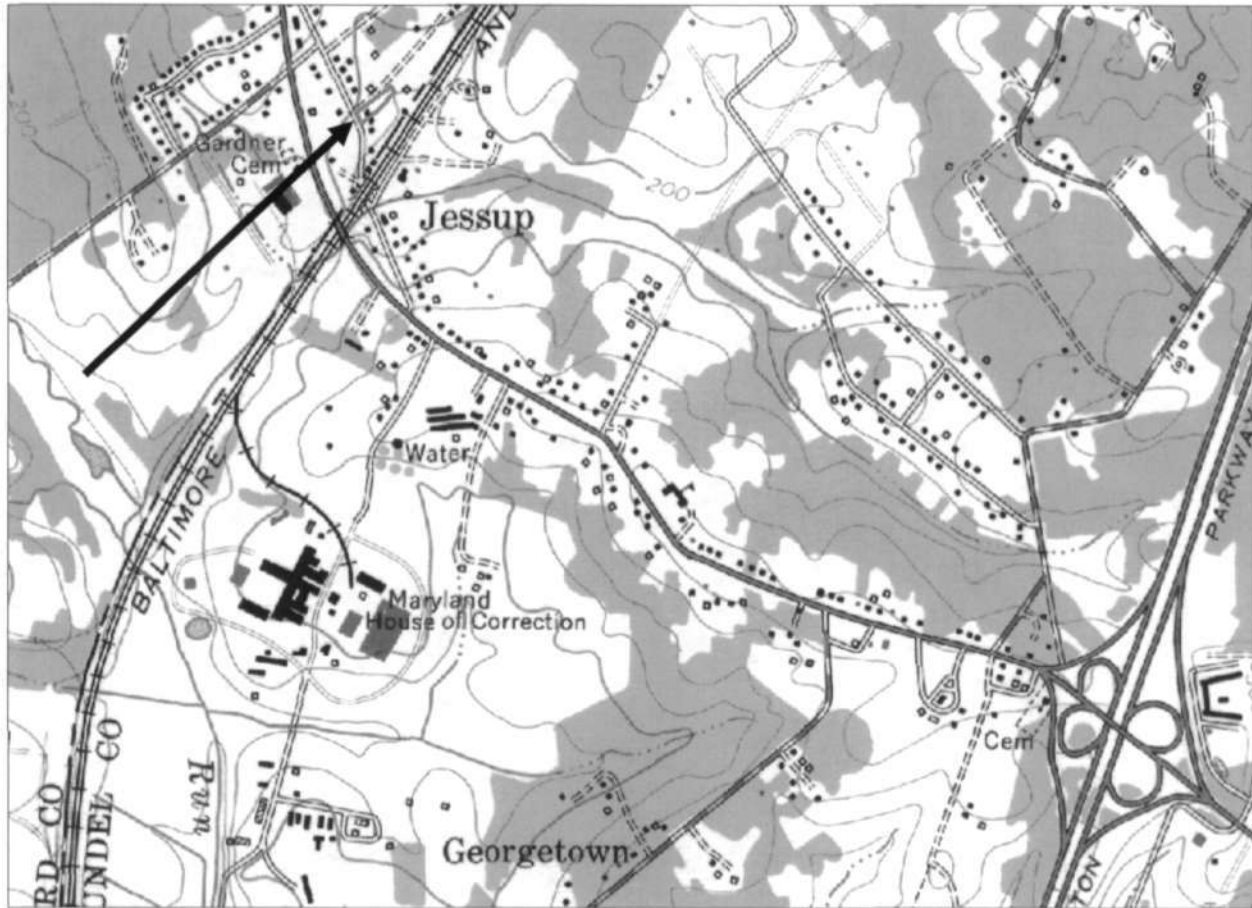
GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER- ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
Charles Norman Peddicord, IV/?	Charles Norman Peddicord, IV & wife Lisa E. /?	8/26/2008	MDR 11356-556	Deed – Fee Simple	\$0	29,630 sq. ft. -.0478 A	
Roberta C. Olver/?	Charles Norman Peddicord, IV/?	2/11/1992	MDR 2471-686	Deed – Fee Simple	\$120,000	29,630 sq. ft. -.0478 A	RTO d. 11/22/92
Frances G. Bailey, widow/Howard	Robert T. & Roberta C. Olver (H/W)/?	8/21/1958	RHM 319-1	Deed – Fee Simple	\$5.00	29,630 sq. ft.	CPB dec'd
Noah R. Bailey & wife Ellen/Dillsburg Borough, York Co., PA	Charles P. Bailey & wife Frances G./Howard	4/2/1923	HBN 117-348	Deed – Fee Simple	\$2,600	113.38 sq. p.	
C. Eugene Bahn & wife Havannah/Balto. City	Noah R. Bailey/ York Co., PA	11/1/1905	WWLC 81-113	Deed – Fee Simple	\$1,200	1. ¼ A. 2. 1 A.	
Nannie B. Highley/Trappe, Talbot Co.	C. Eugene Bahn/Howard	9/16/1905	WWLC 80-656	Deed – Fee Simple	\$750	1. ¼ A. 2. 1 A.	1. on rd. fr. Jessup's Cut to Waterloo 2. on rd. fr. Jessup's Cut to Waterloo
William A. Kirby, Trustee/?	Nannie B. Highley, Talbot Co.	5/30/1905	WWLC 80-373	Deed – ?	\$625	1. ¼ A. 2. 1 A.	Circuit court decree 10/26/1904 Nannie Highey v. Alexander B. Highley Sale 12/7/1904
Joshua Anderson & wife Susan S./Howard	Rev. Burton Sanders Highley/Howard	1/24/1880	LJW 41-604	Deed – ?	\$40	¼ A.	p/o "Stoner's Hammer" at Jessup's Cut
Joshua Anderson & wife Susan S./Howard	Rev. Burton S. Highley/AA	11/14/1878	LJW 40-299	Deed – Fee Simple	\$200	1 A.	p/o "Stoner's Hammer" exclusive of a private road for Anderson binding on the railroad





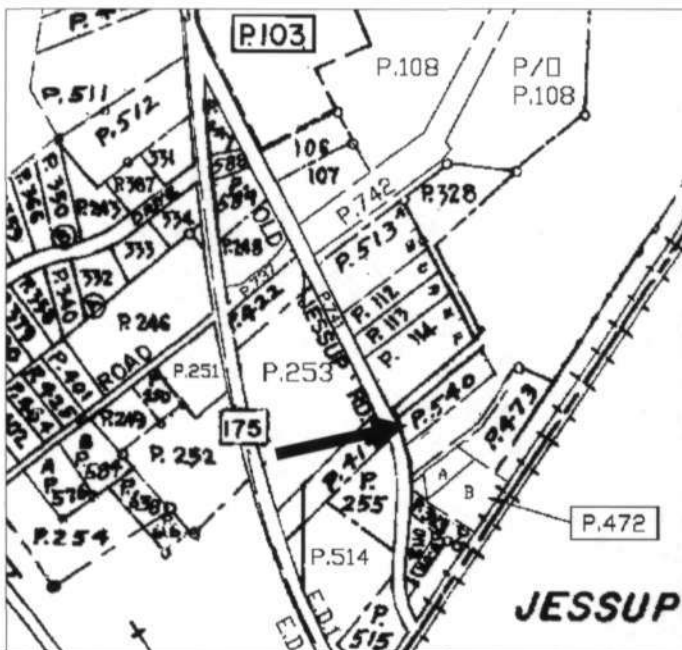
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Savage quad

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 Rev. Burton Highley House  
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 Savage quad 1957, Photorevised 1966 and 1974



Tax Map 43, Parcel 540

National Web Map Service 6" Orthophoto Map,  
 c. 2007-08



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Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera  
HP Premium Plus paper  
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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Southwest elevation

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Northwest & southwest elevations



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